

Corrections Standards Authority

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Quarterly Activity Highlights

July – September 2006

Facilities Standards and Operations (FSO) Division

<u>Facility Inspection Process:</u> FSO staff **inspected 80 local adult facilities and 33 local juvenile facilities** for compliance with minimum standards outlined in Titles 15 and 24 of the California Code of Regulations. A total of 17 jails were also monitored for compliance with state and federal requirements governing adult facilities that detain juveniles.

Regulation Review Process: Public hearings on the revised Minimum Standards for Local Juvenile Facilities were held, enabling staff to proceed with the final rulemaking package for these regulations, which are anticipated to take effect in the Spring of 2007.

Welcome Aboard! The Regulation and Policy Branch, which is responsible for ensuring that regulations proposed for the Adult Operations and Programs Divisions of CDCR meet the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, joined the CSA "family" in July.

<u>Local Detention Facility Construction:</u> The CSA paid over **\$3.37 million in construction grant** reimbursement funds to three California counties. These funds support the construction of local detention facilities such as the **San Mateo Juvenile Hall**, which was dedicated on September 15. Staff reviewed 11 sets of architectural plans for compliance with Title 15 and 24 regulations.

Other Activities: Staff presented the findings of the 2005 Jail Profile and Juvenile Detention Profile Surveys to the CSA board at its September meeting. These reports, as well as the most recent information for 2006, are available on the CSA's web site. Staff provided training on minimum standards and the facility inspection process for 539 jurors representing 41 county Grand Juries throughout California.

Corrections Planning and Programs (CPP) Division

The 2006-07 budget appropriated \$45 million for a new grant program aimed at reducing recidivism among adult and juvenile offenders who have mental illness. Following the board's approval in August, staff issued the competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) for these funds and conducted regional workshops for prospective applicants. Proposals are due November 6. Grants will begin on January 1, 2007.

<u>Title II Formula Grants Program:</u> Following the board's approval in July, staff **issued the RFP** for approximately **\$7 million in federal funds** that the CSA will award, on a competitive basis, for locally developed projects focusing on five priorities: gangs, substance abuse, mental health services, gender specific services, and aftercare/re-entry. Staff conducted regional workshops on the RFP. Proposals are due October 17. These grants will begin on April 1, 2007.

<u>Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)</u>: Following the board's approval, staff **issued the RFP** for the Enhanced DMC Technical Assistance Project, an initiative designed to equip probation departments with the tools and resources needed to provide leadership in community-based DMC reduction activities. Through the competitive process, the CSA will award a total of up to \$750,000 to counties for the first of three 12-month phases of the project. Staff conducted an RFP workshop in Sacramento. Proposals are due October 2, and the grant awards will begin on January 1, 2007.

Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) Program: Staff finalized agreements with 26 counties for "set aside" funds targeting jurisdictions that fall below the minimum threshold set by the federal government for a direct allocation and finalized all but three contracts with the 39 cities and counties eligible for a direction allocation in 2006-07.

Two JABG Projects Honored

- ★ San Diego's Community Response Officer Program recently received a Distinguished Program Award from the California State Juvenile Officers Association. This program places deputy probation officers in law enforcement stations throughout the county to work as liaisons between police, probation, schools and community-based organizations.
- ★ The Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) Program operated by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office received the American Bar Association's 2006 Hodson Award for Public Service. JOIN is a restorative justice diversion program for serious, non-violent offenders in four communities.

<u>Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act:</u> The Department of Finance released the county allocations for 2006-07, and staff began working with participant counties to ensure compliance with the October 15 deadline for reporting data for the 2005-06 fiscal year on the six statutorily required outcomes.

<u>Juvenile Probation and Camps Funding (JPCF) Program:</u> Staff finalized program agreements for 2006-07 with 47 of the 57 counties participating in this program. Staff also processed final invoices and camp disbursements for 2005-06. Counties received a total of \$201,159,374 dollars, or 99.9% of the total funds available. Staff is reviewing the semi-annual progress reports submitted by counties in order to provide a report to the CSA board on the probation services provided through this program.

<u>Proud Parenting Programs:</u> Staff finalized the 2006-07 contracts for all 14 projects, which served 1,078 clients in 2005-06, including 258 DJJ parolees. In August, at the National Gang Crime Research Center's Annual Conference, one grantee — **California Youth Outreach in Fresno** — received the **Thrasher Award**, which recognizes outstanding contributions in research scholarship, service and accomplishments in dealing with the gang problem.

Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Division

<u>Restoration of STC Funding:</u> With the approval of the new budget, STC funding to help offset local training costs was **restored for participating agencies**. To assist them in meeting their fiscal reporting requirements, STC staff presented its first Budget Basics Course, which covers expenditure categories, the application, reporting cycle, and tracking system. More courses will be offered to the field in the coming months.

<u>Annual Review Process:</u> During this quarter STC staff **inspected the training records for 163 local correctional agencies**. These reviews are designed to determine adherence to STC policy and procedures for participating agencies and compliance with the minimum standards set forth in Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations.

<u>Manager/Administrative Core Course (MACC)</u>: The 26th MACC began its 1st week of instruction in August. This course provides basic management and leadership skills to newly assigned managers and administrators of various city and county corrections agencies.

<u>Standards Setting for CDCR</u>: The Job Components Analysis Project has been actively working on the final phase of the task consolidation process for designated CDCR classifications. Completion of this step will allow staff to review data in the future months with subject matter experts. STC staff has also been working on the development of an interim exam for entry-level classifications of CDCR that will be more relevant and responsive to the field.

<u>Core Instructor Development Courses:</u> STC staff presented this eight-hour course to the **Santa Barbara County Sheriff**, **Santa Barbara County Probation**, **San Joaquin County Sheriff**, **and San Luis Obispo Probation** Departments. The course provides assistance to local instructors in the planning and development of their core training courses for new staff.

Calendar of Upcoming Events October through December 2006

October 3-6	46 th Annual CAPIA Conference, Shell Beach
October 4	Central California Jail Managers' Meeting, Shell Beach
October 4	Southern California CAPIA Meeting, Shell Beach
October 9-13	MACC, 2 nd Session, Sacramento
October 10-13	STC Annual Training Managers Seminar, Oroville
October 19	Suicide Prevention in Jails-Train the Trainer Course, Sacramento
October 25-26	Probation Business Managers' Association Conference, San Diego
November 1-3	CSSA Seconds in Command Training, San Francisco
November 9	CAPIA, Northern Region, Yuba County
November 14	Suicide Prevention in Jails-Train the Trainer Course, Orange County
November 15	CSA Board Meeting, Sacramento
November 19	Bay Area Jail Managers' Meeting, Lake County
Nov. 28-Dec. 1	CSAC Annual Meeting, Orange County
December 4-8	CSSA New Sheriffs Training, San Diego
December 7	CAPIA, Central Region, Madera County
December (tbd)	CPOC Meeting, San Francisco